

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussions, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 13-15 have been added herewith. The new claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not introduce any new matter. See, for example, paragraph [0017].

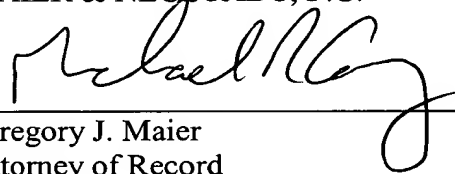
Claims 13-15 have been added to seek additional coverage not previously claimed.

In response to the examiner's indication that he has not received the amendment filed October 10, 2003, a copy is attached for the examiner's convenience.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome and in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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